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SUBJ: AUGUST 1 COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF LIBYAN DANGER AND RESTRICTED
ZONES

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1. CONTINUING FRENCH OPPOSITION PREVENTED AGREEMENT AT AUGUST 1
COUNCIL MEETING ON MEHTOD FOR HANDLING DISAGREED PARAGRAPH ON
LIBYAN DANGER/RESTRICTED ZONES IN SPRING 1973 REPORT ON MEDITER-
RANEAN. ON INSTRUCTIONS, FRENCH PERMREP (DE ROSE) ADVISED THAT
PARIS WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT SUGGESTION MADE BY SYG LUNS AT PRE-
VIOUS MEETING (REFTEL) THAT FRENCH POSITION BE COVERED IN FOOT-
NOTE TO PARAGRAPH 63. DE ROSE EXPLAINED THAT THIS WOULD BE IN-
ACCURATE BECAUSE, IN FACT, PARIS AGREED WITH CONTENTS OF PARAGRA-
GRAPH. WHAT PARIS COULD NOT DO, HE SAID, WAS TO AGREE TO PAPER
SUMMARIZING THIS ALLIED CONSENSUS, AN ACT WHICH DE ROSE IMPLIED

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MIGHT GET BACK TO LARG DESPITE FACT THAT PAPER CLASSIFIED NATO

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2. ITALIAN PERMREP (CATALANO) EXPRESSED REGRET OVER FRENCH POSITION, WHICH HE SAID WAS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND SINCE NO COMMON DEMARCHE ON LARG WAS SUGGESTED IN REVISED TEXT OF PARAGRAPH 63 PROPOSED BY IS. CATALANO AGREED WITH OBSERVATION OF ASYG PANSA THAT FRENCH POSITION LEFT ALLIES IN IMPASSE AND SAID HE HAD NO SUGGESTIONS AS TO FURTHER STEPS.

3. UK REP (THOMSON) SAID LONDON, WHILE NOT TOO PLEASED WITH TEXT PROPOSED BY IS, BELIEVED TEXT COULD BE IMPROVED BY ADDING "IN PRINCIPLE" IN FIRST SENTENCE AS PROPOSED PARAGRAPH 5 REFTEL. HE ADDED THAT LONDON BELIEVED LITTLE WOULD BE GAINED FROM ENCOURAGING LARG TO CHANGE "ILLEGAL RESTRICTED ZONE" INTO "LEGAL DANGER ZONE" AND SUGGESTED THAT THIRD SENTENCE OF IS TEXT BE REVISED TO DROP IDEA OF CONVERSION INTO DANGER ZONE. THOMSON ALSO CLARIFIED THAT UK MAINTAINED DANGER ZONE OFF MALTA, NOT RESTRICTED ZONE AS UK PERMREP STATED AT JULY 25 MEETING.

4. COMMENT: THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO ASYG PANSA'S SUGGESTION THAT COUNCIL RETURN TO SUBJECT AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING, BUT POSITION TAKEN BY FRENCH AT TODAY'S MEETING LEAVES LITTLE HOPE THAT CONSENSUS CAN BE FOUND ON ANY FORMULATION COVERING LARG RESTRICTED/ DANGER ZONES. RUMSFELD

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